## **Current Temporary Variances**



Temporary variances from the production and handling requirements of the USDA organic regulations may be granted by the Administrator for natural disasters declared by the Secretary, damage caused by severe weather, or other business interruption, or for the purpose of conducting research in organic production or handling. Procedures for requesting temporary variances are described in NOP 2606: Processing Requests for Temporary Variances. 7 CFR Section 205.290 provides the full regulatory text regarding temporary variances.

The list of temporary variances that are currently in effect or that were denied in 2014 is listed below. For a list of expired temporary variances, please visit http://1.usa.gov/expired-temporary-variances.

2014 Allowed Temporary Variances											
Company / Producer	Location	Date of AMS Decision	Effective Date	Expiration	Certifying Agent	Remarks					
Various in California	California	2/12/2014 Link to Letter	2/12/2014	2014 calendar year	Requested by: Marin Organic Certified Agriculture; CCOF	Temporary variance is granted from §§205.237(c), 205.240(b) and (c)(2) for the 2014 grazing season with the following restrictions: (1) applies only to organic ruminant livestock producers located in California counties designated as primary natural disaster areas by Secretary Thomas J. Vilsack in 2014 and consider February and March 2014 as part of their grazing season. (2) Organic ruminant livestock producers, whose grazing season includes February and March 2014, are not required to graze or provide dry matter intake from pasture during this time period. Producers may reduce their 2014 grazing season by the number of days that correspond to this time period in their grazing plan. (3) This temporary variance applies to the 2014 calendar year only.					

2014 Denied Requests for Temporary Variances										
Company / Producer	Location	Date of AMS Decision	Effective Date	Expiration	Certifying Agent	Remarks				
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